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Deployment briefs by FFSC

By AN Michelle Hartgraves
Staff Writer

Deployment time can be hard on all members of the family. It is a time when their living patterns may be changed. During this time there are many things to cope with and adapt to during family separations.

According to Cyndy Becker, Community Program Manager for Fleet Family Support Center (FFSC), young children might not understand what separation means and may need an explanation of why deployments happen. "Children want and need stability in their lives," stated Becker. To make parents' absence easier on children Becker has suggested the following hints:

1. A parent can display calendars or maps at home that show where the deploying parent is going and to count down the days until their return.
2. Parents can write letters to children to ease the pain and make them feel special.
3. A checklist of daily chores gives the children something to do everyday and adds structure to their day. Rewards are good for chores done successfully.
4. Videos that include the deployed parent reassure children.
5. Wearing the parent's organizational cap or t-shirts for pajamas is a fun way for children to feel connected.
6. Having a picture of the parent by each kids' bed is another way for them to feel connected. Kids can also say prayers for their parents every night.
7. Keeping children busy with activities such as sports, music lessons or church functions can make the time go by quicker.

Since separation can be hard on everyone, FFSC has opened its doors to provide counseling, advice, programs and referrals and even give pre-deployment briefs to commands upon request. A lot of people don't know that FFSC can be one of the very first steps they can use to prepare for deployment Becker said.

One service that is provided is a Command Financial Specialist, who cover budgeting and payment schedules. Families are encour

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Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation

By Capt. T. L. Davison
NASSIG Commanding Officer

Whereas, child abuse prevention is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community;

Whereas, statistics of children who are abused and neglected escalate each year;

Whereas, the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by the entire community;

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

Whereas, youth-serving prevention programs offer positive alternatives for young people and encourage youth to develop strong ties to their community;

Whereas, all citizens should become more aware of child abuse and its prevention within the community, and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment;

Now, Therefore, I Timothy L. Davison, Commanding Officer, NAS Sigonella, do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month at NAS Sigonella and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Today's Hometown Weather

IT3 Kathrine Abbott, ITD

Pensacola, FL



High 70°F - Low 49°F

Sunny

Only JMAST in Europe at Sigonella

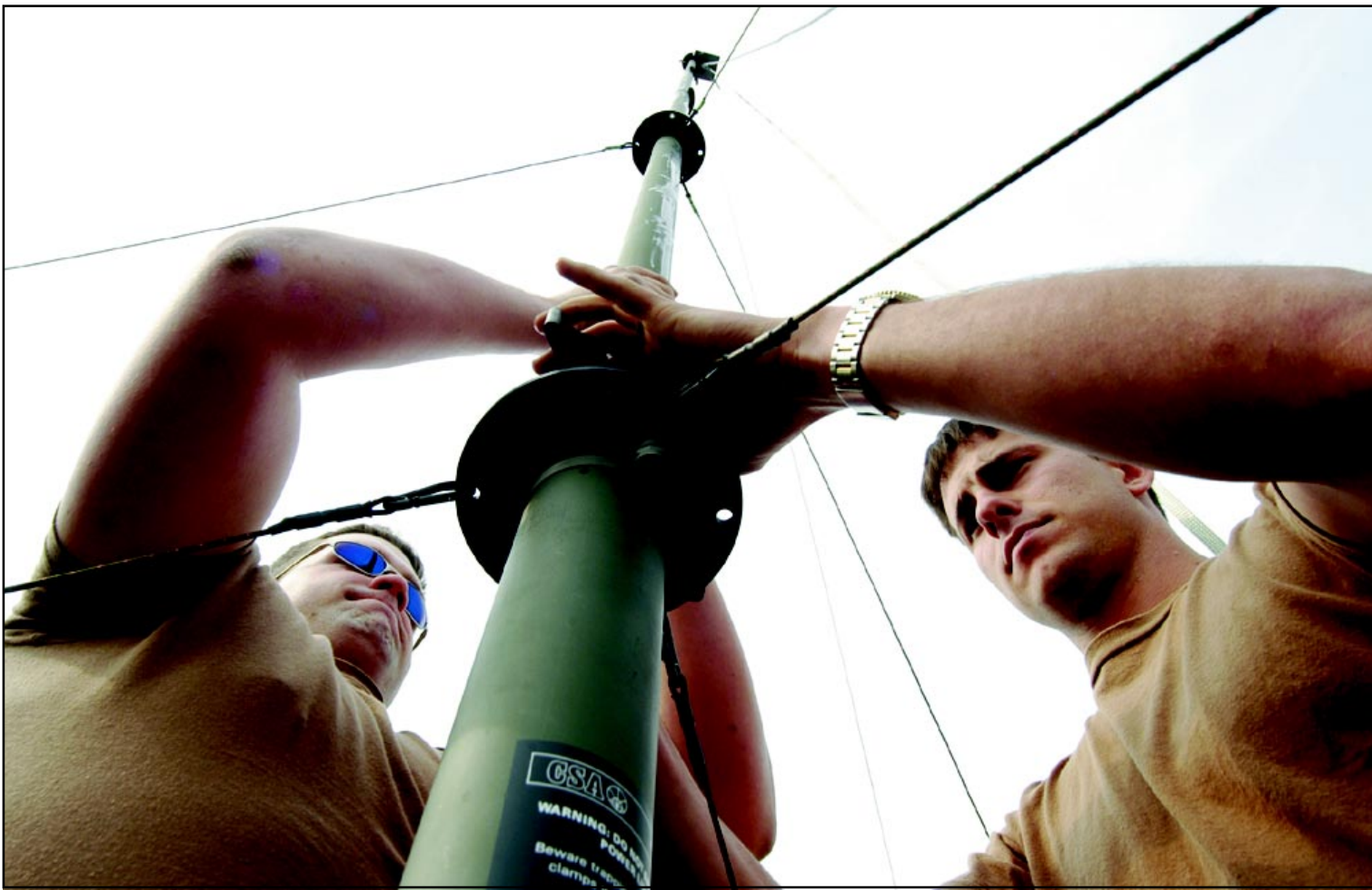


Photo by PH2 Damon J. Moritz

Members raise a 40' telescoping antenna mast, used for line-of-sight radio communications, during systems operability test of the Joint Mobile Ashore Support Terminal (JMAST) Europe

By JOSN Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

Outside a group of big green tents, a fire is brewing in a small charcoal grill, ready for whatever the busy Sailors inside want to cook.

But something is already "cooking" on the inside of these tents.

High speed Sailors from Naval Air Station Sigonella are "burning up" the airwaves in what is known as a Joint Mobile Ashore Support Terminal, or JMAST. The JMAST system operating from NASSIG is the only one of its kind in Europe.

JMAST Europe is a self-con-

tained, mobile Command, Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I) system that provides the Commander of U.S. Naval Forces Europe with the ability to command and control assigned forces via video, voice, and data media forms during all aspects of joint military operations. JMAST provides deployable connectivity for a Joint Task Force Commander, with Naval forces afloat, and other services.

The Sailors, in coordination with Space and Naval Warfare System Command (SPAWAR) engineers, are

conducting what is known as a SOVT, or Systems Operational Verification and Testing. "It essentially can be compared to sea trials on a newly commissioned ship," said ETC (SW/AW) Mike Kendall, officer in charge of the NASSIG JMAST system and the Tactical Communications Support Unit. This testing phase will prepare the JMAST system for future endeavors. "After the first week of May, we'll be fully deployable and ready to go operational in as little as 24 hours," said Kendall.

But what does this system provide in terms of communications?

"All the creature comforts of home," said Kendall "Everything that a ship can do and a lot more to reach out and touch somebody." He said these include telephone, computer, internet and radio transmissions.

On the outside, aside from the grill, the system has various devices that can be set up. High-tech antennas and a satellite dish gather and send off important information. On the inside the tents bristle with electrical waveforms, laptop computers, and other high-tech gizmos. These gizmos can do many things.

"For the equipment inside, we JMAST, page 8

Of speed and sand ...

Sigonella athletes compete in track championships

By JO1 Craig Coleman
Staff Writer

It's a long distance from the Sigonella Track and Field Championships to the Penn Relays. If anyone knows how far the track at NAS I is from premiere track competitions in the States it's Jason Ramsey, the former NCAA decathlon champion and member of the U.S. Decathlon Team, who gathered with other track and field enthusiasts on April 5.

The two days of nearly constant rain preceding the meet ended just in time. The condition of the sand pit was a big concern after all the precipitation. The long jump was the third event of the competition and as the athletes made their way across the field to the runway, talk turned to the pit. "Is it wet? I hope it's not wet," said one nervous jumper. The plastic tarp covering the pit was rolled back to reveal hard, but dry sand.

Runners turned to gardeners as hoes and rakes were put to work, turning and loosening the packed sand, while other athletes limbered for their jumps. "This is really good practice," said Amie Smith of Security. "A lot of us want to run in college and

Ramsey's a decathlete."

From runners with Olympic ambitions to Captain's Cup competitors just out for a good time, togetherness and teamwork were the constant theme of the Sigonella Championships. Between jumps runners critiqued each other's form and manned the rakes, smoothing the pit for the next competitor. When top jumper Ramsey stepped to the line there was more concern about the safety of jumping into a pit that had been compacted and saturated over the winter. "Is it soft?" Ramsey asked. "It's



Photo by JO1 Craig Coleman

A member from security launches toward the pit on her final jump in the long jump. Smith finished first in the women's division with a jump of 10ft. 8 inches.

pretty soft, but it could be softer," said MWR's Ron Weems, the meet's director. With those words two other jumpers grabbed the hoe and rake, extending the pit beyond 25 feet.

After jumping over 21 feet, Ramsey talked about competing in Sigonella and beyond. "This is like the first day of the decathlon," said Ramsey, who will compete at the Drake Relays April 27-28 and the Penn Relays two weeks later. "This is a good opportunity to warm up, to practice five events."

Of course, not everyone at the meet was on such a difficult competitive schedule. Thomas Doane of TSC was participating in his first track meet. He competed in most events. "We're (TSC) here as a team," said Doane. "We don't really know what we're doing, but we're having fun."

At the end of the long jump Security scored a triple win, with Ramsey edging teammate Tom McDonnell for the gold and Smith winning the women's competition. With excellent performances turned in by several athletes, the Sigonella Track and Field Championships offered both competition and camaraderie.

Sigonella Track & Field Championship results

Discus	Shot Put	Long Jump	200 m	400 m	800 m	55 m hurdles	80 m	1500 m
Women's	Women's	Women's	Men's	Women's	Women's	Men's	Women's	Women's
1 Susan Herzig	1 Susan Herzig	1 Amie Smith	1 Roderick Perkins	1 Amie Smith	1 Amie Smith	1 Jason Ramsey	1 Christina Carlton	1 Amie Smith
2 Christina Carlton	2 Christina Carlton	2 Christina Carlton	2 Dustin Sampson	2 Christina Carlton	2 Christina Carlton	2 Tom McDonnell	Men's	Men's
Men's	Men's	Men's	3 Randy Waggoner	1 Jason Ramsey	Men's	3 Ryan Zavala	1 Richard Green	1David Milankow
1 Jason Ramsey	1 Jason Ramsey	1 Jason Ramsey		2 Tom McDonnell	1 Chakhta		2 Roderick Perkins	2Richard Green
2 Tom McDonnell	2 Tom McDonnell	2Tom McDonnell		3 Anthony Turner	2 Jesus Garcia		3 Charles Kubic	3Thomas Doane



Direct Line

Capt. Tim Davison
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

We are wrapping up Spring Break this week for our students, teachers and of course, our parents! When we get back to school next week, the remaining school year will go by fast. Spring Break is like baseball's All Star Break...after that, we are on the downhill slide until our

30 seniors graduate.

I wanted to let everyone know about the NASSIG School Advisory Committee and the Installation Advisory Committee. Both committees are outlined in the Department of Defense Instruction 1342.15 and play a vital role in the growth of our two schools.

It is DoD policy that family and professional school employee participation be encouraged in the formation and operation of local overseas advisory committees. These committees provide a venue that fosters participation in school affairs by members of the school and military communities and provides a coordinate process to address and resolve issues at the lowest practical level.

The School Advisory Committee has a membership which includes parents and teachers, as well as the representatives of the command. Both the Stephen Decatur Elementary School and the Stephen Decatur School have a SAC in place. The purpose of the SAC is to advise the principal on school-related matters but it doesn't get into the teaching curriculums. These meetings are open to the public and everyone is highly encouraged to attend. By the way, the next Stephen Decatur School SAC meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on April 21 at the school library. These meetings are held every month. The Installation Advisory Committee is a combination of both of the school's SACs and it meets about four times a year. The IAC makes recommendations to the European Commander and the Component Command Advisory Council. You can check the Community Calendar in *The Signature* each week for SAC and IAC meeting dates.

Every parent, teacher, sponsor, student, DoDDS administrator, and military commander shares the responsibility to work together in supporting the schools, in enhancing programs, and improving not only the delivery of educational programs and support services to DoDDS students, but also to the overall quality of life shared by all personnel in the NASSIG community. The Stephen Decatur School and Elementary School are a vital part of this community.

Lee Iacocca, former Chrysler Chairman and founder of the Ford Mustang, once said, "Apply yourself. Get all the education you can, but then...do something. Don't just stand there, make it happen."

We need to step out and set the example to our next generation of leaders, teachers, and students by becoming involved in their education today. I urge everyone to take advantage of these two committees and to contribute to the growth and development of our two schools.

The Pulse

Adjustment disorders

Many people wonder who comes to the mental health department and what some of the reasons are that people seek help. The most common reasons for seeking help include depression and anxiety, as well as difficulties in adjusting to new environments and different situations. These may include such changes as entering the military for the first time, being promoted to a position of increased duties and responsibilities, getting married, and moving to a different location. One of the biggest adjustment periods that we will face as adults is moving to a new location, especially one that is different from that which we have been accustomed.

Do you remember your initial reaction to Italy? It may have been a complete and utter relief knowing that the final destination had been reached and you would no longer have to wait for hours in some terminal before reboarding the plane for yet one additional leg of your journey. No more cramped legs and stiff muscles from sitting for hours in a less than comfortable chair; no more overtired children to listen to (unless of course they were your own); no more cheap food and bag lunches to eat. No, you had finally arrived at that once elusive destination. By the time you had located your sponsor, recovered your luggage, and started off to temporary lodging, the impact of the past few days and weeks began to creep up on you. The stress associated with packing up your belongings, leaving the states and a familiar routine, and saying goodbye to family and friends was finally over. And now, you thought, "let the journey begin."

But it did not take long to realize that something seemed different. Yes, you had received and read your welcome aboard package. You had thought about the joy and exhilaration that came with knowing that you would not merely be a tourist in Italy, but a resident of Italy for some time. You had envisioned narrow cobble-stoned streets; beautiful villas overlooking the sea; friendly people stopping to chat on the street. Yet, you did not know that those same narrow streets would contain numerous cars and scooters traveling at high speeds, that the beautiful villas would not have central air or heat, or that you would not be able to understand the people talking to you on the street. You knew that Italians spoke Italian, but may never have realized how much you had come to rely on your own language to communicate so many of your thoughts, wishes, ideas, and most importantly, your wants and needs. But language was only the first of many adjustments. Then there was the issue of gas. Exactly how many liters equal a gallon, and how many liters does your gas tank hold? In all the stress and confusion associated with this new challenge, at least you did not have to decide on the grade of unleaded to put in the car. The differences in culture and practices never seemed to stop.

Most people react and adjust to these types of significant changes in a variety of ways, which may include feelings of loneliness, crying spells, worry, fear or withdrawal, irritation, and/or feelings of depression. These symptoms are seen as normal reactions to life changes, and most often go away within one to three months. However, if they continue beyond the time period of "expectable" adjustment, usually an additional three months, or the person is reacting to the changes in a manner that exceeds the "expected" reactions, then they may be having adjustment difficulties.

The best way in which to reduce these feelings that arise as part of the adjustment is to establish and maintain a routine for yourself and family; eat meals together at the same time; have established bedtimes and rituals, plan for weekly outings as a family and as a couple, talk to each other and others to relieve some of the anxiety that is being experienced, look for the humor in situations. These are simple things which help to reduce the adjustment period. For most, once this initial period of adjustment has passed, people view the differences and changes as fun and exciting. They recognize that one culture is not better than another. And then eventually, the day will arrive when you realize the time has come once again to pack up your life and move on to a different location. Yet what was learned here will go with you, and the lessons of life learned will be applied somewhere else.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to EO1(SCW) Gary Reyna, Public Works Department letter in last week's April 4th edition of "The Signature." Petty Officer Reyna states a concern for the lack of military bearing around NAS Sigonella. He cites personnel with hands in pockets, sunglasses on top of their heads, covers on in buildings, etc... He also requested that we educate our personnel by reading the Uniform Instruction, NAS SIGONELLA 1020.2J. I agree with that, but more importantly I offer the following concerning educating our Sailors about proper military bearing/uniform standards: Our uniforms are more than a set of clothing; it tells the world that we are part of a great military institution. As we see a Sailor in uniform, we are actually able to "read" this individual in such a way that tells a great deal about him or her. Our Naval uniforms mark us as professionals, members of a service with over 200 years of proud history and tradition. We have earned the right to wear the uniform of our nation's great Navy, and thus should strive to ensure that our uniforms reflect pride in our appearance. I agree with EO1 Reyna when he states "you do not have to be the Uniform Police to say something to a fellow Sailor"... What I also want to offer is that by:

- 1) conducting regular personnel inspections at morning Quarters
- 2) actively mentoring and counseling our Sailors
- 3) ensuring an active GMT training program is in place and
- 4) continue notes about uniform standards/military appearance in our Plan of the Day/Plan of the Week are additional solutions to the stated "24/7 Uniform Police".

MNCS(SW) Dave Ostrom
Mine Assembly Officer
MOMAU FIVE

Gas price increase

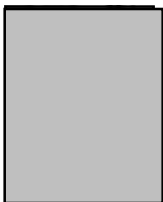
Due to increase of POL coupon contract, effective 1 May 03 gas prices will increase as follows:

Unleaded/Diesel Gas-----	100 lt. Book \$45.00
Unleaded Gas-----	200 lt. Book \$90.00
LPG Bombola-----	50 kg Book \$42.50
LPG Bombola-----	100 kg Book \$85.00
LPG Bombola-----	200 kg Book \$170.00
LPG Bulk-----	400 lt. Book \$135.00

With the new prices you will be paying approximately \$1.71 per gallon. There is no change in the price for oil. It is important that NATO Forces POL coupons are completed in all parts (dated, legible signature and vehicle's plate number) at the time of refueling operation. Coupons are to be used only at AGIP and ESSO gas stations. NATO Forces coupons may only be used for the product authorized and cannot be traded or exchanged for other products. The illegal use of Tax Free products is a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and Italian customs/fiscal laws and may result in revocation of privileges by Base Commanders.

Spring is in the air

By Chaplain
Wesley Myhand
Command Chaplain



What do you call the day after it rains in Sicily? Monday! Have you noticed spring sure is taking its sweet time getting here? Isn't this supposed to be beautiful sunny Sicily? The clouds and rain have been hiding the sun, making the temperature seem just a little cooler than normal. I have realized that when the sun is shining and the temperature gets warmer, people don't seem to be so gloomy. Spring is such a great time of year, the flowers start blooming, the birds are singing and everything is so green and lively.

As I write this article the sun is shining and it is warming up and it really does lift the spirit. I have observed that it is not always easy to keep the spirits up when we are at war. We read about it every day in the newspapers, watch it on television and/or the Internet and if that is not possible we listen ever so intently to our radios. We want to know everything and rightly so. We do need to know what is going on. We want to surround ourselves

with the latest information although sometimes the news is not what we want to hear. We also watch and listen as our president has demonstrated the courage to take action for the good of our country. We mull over the bitter criticism from a great number of celebrities, civil leaders and even other nations. May we always be loyal and pray for President Bush as he seeks advice in continuing to direct America's path.

Our nation has lost many military members who have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives in the line of duty. But hope returns and we rejoice when we hear that one POW has been rescued, how grateful we are! Yet for several years the greatest clouds of gloom have been over Iraq.

We discover more and more that Saddam Hussen and his Republican Guard have hurt and destroyed both his people and his nation. We can only hope and pray that Iraq will soon be liberated and enjoy security and peace. Then the dark clouds which have hung over the Iraqi people will part. The sun will shine, and a new nation will break forth like a new spring day. May the people of Iraq who have suffered for several years cry out, "We're free at last, free at last." May God bless America, may God bless Iraq, and may God bless us all.

NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

Catholic Mass
Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41st
Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Traditional Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS II)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. community Center (Mineo)
Sunday 11 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)


Latter Day Saints
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Church of Christ
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

Jewish Shabbat Service
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m.
Chapel (NAS I)

Weekdays
Daily Catholic Mass 11:30 a.m.
(NAS I & II Chapels)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study
4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-2947.

SECURITY BLOTTER



CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE
624-6389
March 24 - March 30
The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:
Traffic accidents without injuries - 18
Traffic accident with injuries - 5
Car break-ins - 1
DUI - 1
DUI's 2003 - 18
DUI's 2002 - 35

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NAVY NEWS

Say what you will, coalition slang is not just alphabet soup

By JOC(SW) Douglas H. Stutz, Combined Forces Air Command Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA (NNS) — Ask a British military person what football means and the retort will be that it refers to soccer. Ask a similar question to an Australian military person, and the answer will most probably be rugby. An American asked that question would probably inquire if you mean college or the NFL.

But on a desert air base located on the Arabian Peninsula, the word football takes on a completely different meaning in the Combined Air Operation Center (CACO). Football refers to the overall plan of the current Air Tasking Order (ATO) that is being coordinated and implemented. Huh? Welcome to the high-tech lexicon of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

As any amateur wordsmith, practiced linguist or devotee of crossword puzzles knows, military terminology has always seemed like hieroglyphics, which is only befitting, because that specific word means 'difficult to decipher.' Every branch of the military has long had its own slang, from antonym and oxymoron, to acronym and synonym. During the current campaign, that still holds very true.

There are incredible amounts of information that are communicated around the clock in support of the air campaign against the regime of Saddam Hussein. The information that flows into the CAOC is nothing short of staggering. Officials estimate that the available data roughly equates to what is required for up to 30 entire carrier battle groups (almost 300 naval vessels). Under the guidance of Combined Forces Air Component Commander, Lt. Gen. T. Michael "Buzz" Moseley, that information drives the air campaign. But the information is only good if understood. Uncertain interpretations are not needed in the middle of war.

"Those of us who have not been in a joint or coalition environment before might have some confusion initially, but that goes away quickly by just talking," said Cmdr. Ken Sours, forward-deployed from Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Texas. Sours is currently handling the duties as the football carrier, which is a position akin to an offensive coordinator who has diagramed and designed a particular set of plays for a specific day. Sours has worked in joint and coalition environments before, from such diverse locales as Louisiana to Korea. He has heard the slang, exchanged the jargon, with other militaries. Still, there are noticeable differences, even if subtle.

"One big difference is between the Army and Navy," Sours related. "The Army is much more multifaceted and has much more moving parts. Information from them is incredibly complex, down to the last detail. When planning the ATO, they give me all I truly need and more to know where and when they need air support."

"I also think the Army just might have acronyms for everything," Sours quipped.

According to Staff Sgt. John Campbell, Army personnel non-commissioned officer in charge, the classic Army slang is just one word - "Hoah."

"Hoah keeps it simple," said Campbell. "It is a method for Army people to bring esprit de corps and camaraderie into our conversation."

Hoah has a multitude of uses; what to say when at a loss for words; good copy, solid copy; message received and understood; I don't know the answer but I'll check; I'm not listening; and Amen.

"Precise communications is a huge factor for us in the Targeting world," said Air Force Tech. Sgt. Douglas Frickey, Time Sensitive Targeting non-commission officer, forward-deployed from U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM). "When dealing with critical information, we clarify everything and leave nothing to chance. Our British counterparts use the same jargon as we do on our job, so there's no trouble understanding each other. Off the job though, the British do have some very different phrases than Americans for describing something or someone."

Generational and regional differences aside, U.S. servicemembers for the most part can understand one another, and seem to have no trouble with coalition allies either. Although sometimes, it's the Americans who need to slowly repeat what they just said.

"Sometimes, American jargon is definitely not easily decipherable," mentioned Royal Air Force Flt. Lt. Ros Ewer. "It does take time to understand all the TLAs (three letter abbreviations). When a Brit speaks to Americans, it sometimes feels like we are speaking a foreign language. And by the way, we don't call football soccer, you do!"

The differences that do exist are minor. They are even a unique part of the coalition experience. Ask an airman what a boomer is and the answer will most probably be an operator of a boom on a tanker refueling aircraft. Ask a similar question to a Sailor, and the response will be that it refers to a ballistic missile submarine. Ask that same Sailor what mud refers to, and the answer might very well be it is a slang term for mess decks coffee. Ask a soldier the same question, and that soldier might very well reply it's something that Iraqi sand turns into after a rain.

The consensus among servicemembers is that the quirky jargon and unique terminology that each service culture brings to the coalition campaign is a positive addition. Especially when it involves some sort of football.

Navy E-Learning captures 2003 Illuminati Award

By Dean Persons
NETC Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla — Navy Education and Training Command (NETC) has captured another E-learning award for learning excellence. NETC's Navy E-Learning program was selected for the 2003 Illuminati Award in the category of Most Visionary Learning Program of the Year.

NETglobal (NETg), a corporate education and training company that provides E-Learning courseware, course technology books, instructor and student manuals for classroom training, and self-study guides sponsored the award competition.

"Let me express my admiration for NETC's excellent work," said Dr. Jim L'Allier, chair, 2003 Illuminati Award Evaluation Team, chief learning officer and vice president of research and development for NETg. "We believe that NETC's E-Learning program stands as a beacon to all others who seek to deliver measurable benefits toward the growth and viability of their organizations," said L'Allier. "It is

clear to us that NETC understands not only the strategic value of training, but also its ability to transform performance from ordinary to extraordinary."

Early in 1998, NETC launched a trial period for Navy E-Learning with more than 750 NETg Information Technology (IT) courses offered at no cost to all Navy personnel. "The purpose of the trial period was to determine continued value of this training to the Navy, its acceptance by users, its ability to meet training objectives and provide saving in the IT arena," said Peg David, NETC learning strategies analyst. "We soon grew to more than 50,000 registered users via shore sites, as well as delivering the entire NETg CD library to every ship in the Navy for our Sailors who did not have Internet connectivity."

Large-scale production of Navy E-Learning debuted in

May 2001. "Navy E-Learning went online with NETg's IT library, Skillsoft's softskill library and only seven Navy developed courses," related Daivid. "Today, we continue to employ both libraries with over 94 military developed courses.

Food for the hungry



Paratroopers assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division open boxes of humanitarian rations for distribution to Iraqi citizens in central Iraq. The 82nd Airborne Division is conducting both combat and humanitarian aid missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom

Recap CORNER

Demolition of old boiler plant

We plan to begin demolition of the Old Boiler Plant (Building 182) in the last week in April (this month) after completion of the new North-South Road. This will change the pedestrian access route between the front gate and the Commissary-Exchange area to the new sidewalk along the North-South Road. The old Boiler Plant, which supplied heat and hot water to many of the buildings on NAS 1, has reached the end of its service life and will be replaced by the new East and West Central Energy Buildings. These new buildings are located near the Galley-Club and the new Administration Building. Each new building will have three boilers capable of using either fuel oil (as we do now) or natural gas. The East Central Energy building will supply Galley-Club and the planned MWR Complex, and the West Central Energy Building will supply the Chapel, Administration Building, and the Community Center.

How SIG 2.3 Affects You: Utilities work will continue on Halsey Road in front of the Stephen Decatur School through the end of June. Please be careful in this area, stay on the sidewalk, and do not try to pick up or drop off your children in this area. For the rest of the school year, until June 12, the school busses will use the loop road around the NAS 1 Park to pickup and deliver students from 7:15 to 8 a.m. and from 2 to 3 p.m. each school day. We ask for your cooperation to keep the road clear. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE LOOP ROAD.

If you have any questions about SIG 2.3 construction, contact Lt. Darren Hale at haled@nassig.sicily.navy.mil.

Navy, Marine Corps on point in Operation Iraqi Freedom

By JOC Walter T. Ham IV
Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs



WASHINGTON (NNS) — The leaders of the Navy Marine Corps team told senators that Sailors and Marines are carrying out the commander-in-chief's orders on the point in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Acting Secretary of the Navy H.T. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Vern Clark and Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael Hagee testified April 2 before the Senate Appropriations Committee's Subcommittee on Defense. Clark and Hagee also testified April 1 before the Senate Armed Services Committee's Subcommittee on Sea Power.

Johnson said that the Navy Marine Corps team is bringing its capabilities to bear and providing extraordinary service to the nation.

"They [Sailors and Marines] have demonstrated the full effect of their lethal power, from blue water to the littorals and well beyond, engaging and destroying the enemy in areas that previously would have been considered sanctuaries from sea-based forces," Johnson testified. "The superior operational and personnel readiness levels we have been able to sustain are directly reflective of the strong, sustained support of the Congress."

Clark said a large portion of the Navy is deployed and in the fight in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Fifty-four percent of our Navy is forward-deployed on the point. Different mixes are deployed in different ways. Seventy percent of the amphibious structure is deployed, taking General Hagee's Marines to the point. Seven of my aircraft carriers are deployed. Seventy percent of my air wings are deployed," Clark said.

"Most of those numbers are engaged in the Operation Iraqi Freedom, striking the enemy, conducting military support in support of land forces, clearing the sea lanes, bringing supplies, and protecting our joint coalition forces, on land and at sea," Clark said. "They're on the tip of the spear, and they're carrying out the president's orders."

According to Hagee, the warfighting effectiveness of the Navy Marine Corps team is on display in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The actions of your Marines in Iraq attests to their morale, readiness, and warfighting capability better than any words I could say here today," Hagee said. "They are performing magnificently."

Sen. Pete Domenici (New Mexico-R) told Johnson, Clark and Hagee that he believes the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces are the story of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"I'm convinced that the story of this war is going to be told for a long time, and it's going to be what kind of men and women are these Americans. It's absolutely fantastic for Americans and the world to see the behavior of these young men and women," Domenici said. "They're warriors, but they're gentle. They're warriors, but they're considerate. They're articulate. And the training they get and what kind of esprit de corps and skills they have is beyond what I could have expected for any group of Americans or any group of humans. So we're doing something very right."

Volunteers needed for Nearly New Shop

Did you know that the Nearly New Shop is 100% operated by volunteers. The Nearly New Shop is a place where Navy and Marine Corps members and their families can shop to find reasonably priced household items, uniforms, clothes, toys, child seats, and much much more. Without our volunteers our community does not have access to such goods and necessity items. Come share a couple hours a week to help out your Nearly New Store and your military community, make friends, and share your merchandising and customer service skills. Navy-Relief does provide childcare benefits and mileage reimbursement to all of its volunteers. To find out more and to join the NMCRS-Sigonella Team call 624-4212 or stop by the office and fill out a volunteer application.

News Briefs

Stray animal facility

A small adoption fee covers the following on all animals offered for adoption through us:

- Spaying or Neutering
- Mandatory Micro-chipping.
- First set of shots.
- First Rabies shot.

Due to recent spring weather we have had an influx of healthy, adoptable animals.

Currently there are six dogs, one puppy and three cats. In five weeks we will have several litters available.

Video rental price increase

Softland International, the Navy Exchange Video Rental Store contractor, will be increasing its prices, April 15, as permitted by contractual arrangement. New Releases will increase to \$2.95 Saturday through Thursday and to \$3.75 on Friday.

Office Assistant, NMCRS Sigonella.

NMCRS Sigonella has an immediate opening for a part-time (35 hrs/wk) Office Assistant. Applicant must be command-sponsored spouse of active duty/civilian component personnel and U.S. citizen with sojourn permit or U.S. citizen with family sojourn/work permit. Ideal candidate must possess: HS diploma/GED, hands-on experience in data entry/word processing, strong organizational/administrative skills, experience working with volunteer staff and experience utilizing interviewing techniques. Previous experience with NMCRS and knowledge of military pay/allowance systems is highly desirable. Starting salary: Mid 20's plus OCOLA. Fax resume/application to NMCRS Headquarters by April 16, to: 703-696-0144. Applications may be picked up at the NMCRS Sigonella Office, Building T210, NAS 1.

Special Thanks

DoDDS would like to extend a thank you to all of the parents who sent in next year's school registration packets. To those parents who haven't registered students for next year, please do so right away. If they aren't returning please let the school know. Call Anna Adomo or Maria Bailey at 624-4281.

September 11 Victim Compensation

Anyone who lost family at the Pentagon on 9/11. Please note the deadline for claims to the Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund is **Dec. 20, 2003**. If there are any individuals affected, please come to the NLSO for further assistance and information.

THE ENERGY BLOCK

One energy conservation method that stands out is training. Providing the information to the folks who are the consumers. Since DOD is the largest energy user in the nation, a special billet was created years ago to implement many solutions in the governing and saving of energy. Hence my department PWD Energy x2064/x6062.

So what is our job? To build energy effective facilities and projects, to monitor and manage consumption, to promote command and community energy program participation. SAVE ENERGY-SAVE UTILITY COST-REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

DID YOU KNOW: A new model refrigerator uses about half the energy of one made just 10 yrs ago of similar size. You can save over 550 kWh of electricity yr. Reducing emissions of carbon dioxide by over 1,160 lbs and sulfur dioxide by over 11 lbs.

DID YOU KNOW: For every kilowatt hr you save, you also avoid pumping over two pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, the number one contributor of global warming.

LETS USE, NOT ABUSE



By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Easter week begins in Caltagirone

The traditions of *Settimana Santa* (Holy Week) in Sicily combine traditional Catholic devotion and popular folklore. In Caltagirone, *Pasqua* (Easter) is a major event. In this town decorated by magnificent ceramics, processions, Passion Plays, and celebrations have been passed along from generation to generation for several hundred years. Townspeople attend these celebrations with genuine dedication and devotion that is often hard to understand for spectators. The austerity and mournful nature of this period of self-denial, penitence and fasting is written on the gloomy pain stricken faces of the devotees who spiritually, emotionally and physically participate in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

Caltagirone Easter celebrations include processions, religious plays, art exhibitions, Holy Masses, and concerts. Among the important dates of this year celebrations is April 15 when the town holds a play "The Passion of Christ" which represents the last days of Jesus Christ. This play, which has been held since 1994, is performed by townspeople who become actors for this occasion representing Jesus, the Virgin Mary, the guards, and the apostles. In re-en-



Photo courtesy Caltagirone Tourist Office

A Giunta or The Reunion takes place on Apr. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Pasqua (Easter) celebrations also include processions, Holy Masses, art exhibitions and sacred music concerts.

acting the passion and death of Christ, these believers take pride in keeping alive a tradition that has a strong religious meaning to all the community. The play takes place at 8:30 p.m. in piazza Municipio and along the famous stairs of Santa Maria del Monte Church, which are lighted for the occasion.

On April 16, a solemn polyphonic concert will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Church of San Francesco di Paola.

Good Friday, which falls on April 18, is a day of mourning and is marked by solemn observations in memory of Jesus' crucifixion. At 6:30 p.m., the procession of *Cristo Morto* (Dead Christ) is held through the streets of the center. During this solemn and gloomy procession, hundreds of devotees accompany the sculptures of Jesus Christ (the *Cataletto*, a wooden life-size sculpture depicting the dead Christ that is preserved inside a glass urn) and the grieving Virgin Mary dressed in mourning. Among the Good Friday processions usually held in Sicily, the Caltagirone's *processione* (procession) is the only in which the statues are still carried on the shoulders of the devotees. This is not an easy task as the statues are incredibly heavy and holding them requires a continuous rotation of strong men. There is no difference of age, social status or political opinion. Typically, the "penitent" bearer is usually someone who has had a recent death in the family or wants to express his devotion to Jesus' agony through his own physical suffering.

Later at 9 p.m., the San Giuliano Choir presents Rossini's "Stabat Mater." This wonderful sacred choral work is going to be performed at the Chiesa (Church) of *Gesù al Collegio*.

Yet at 9 p.m. the abovementioned dramatization of the Passion of Jesus is repeated in *Granieri*, a small hamlet located about 18 kilometers from Caltagirone. Granieri could be reached by exiting Grammichele on the Catania-Gela national road 417 and following signs for Mazzarrone.

On Easter Sunday at 4:30 p.m., *A Giunta*, (The reunion) begins in via San Pietro. This spectacular religious play features three statues depicting Jesus, the Virgin Mary and St. Peter. It consists of a series of scenes illustrating Saint Peter's announcement of the

Jesus resurrection to the Virgin Mary, the following meeting between the *Vergine Maria* or Virgin Mary and Jesus, and their sorrowful final separation. The play begins with the huge papier-mâché statue of St. Peter (about ten feet tall) wandering around the crowd of devotees in search of the Virgin Mary to announce her the resurrection of her beloved son. After several unsuccessful attempts, Saint Peter eventually finds the Virgin Mary and tells her the good news. Thus, the meeting of the Virgin Mary and Christ takes place between piazza Loggia and via Luigi Strurzo. The black mantle that covers the Virgin Mary as sign of mourning falls after the meeting with her risen Son, and a blue and white dress replaces it to express joy. Meanwhile, two surprised Roman soldiers named *Cicchittu* and *Nancittu*, who surround Christ, witness the miracle. During the play, the crowd follows with attention and anxiety the events featured. And when then meeting occurs townspeople express their joy by shouting *Viva Maria* (Long live the Virgin Mary). After that, the procession moves to piazza Marconi, where the *Spartenza* (separation) takes place. Eventually, the Virgin Mary bows three times to Jesus and bids farewell to him. It's Easter Christ is raised from death!

Complementing the Easter celebrations, there are several art exhibitions that will be hosted in the main historic buildings of the center. For more detailed information and opening hours call Caltagirone Tourist Office at 0933-351073.

Niscemi hosts artichoke festival

To celebrate the Niscemi *carciofo* (artichoke), the city will hold the 23rd edition of the Artichoke Festival from April 11 through 13 (open from 10 a.m. to late evening). There will be an opportunity to try artichoke-based foods, to purchase artichokes and other local produce fresh from the fields and great entertainment. For more information and detailed schedule call 0933-881631 or 800-750166. You can also check out the Festival web site: www.comune.niscemi.cl.it/



Picture by Giovanni Conzatti

Thousands of believers and tourists watch with attention, devotion and respect the religious plays that are held in Caltagirone during the Holy Week in piazza Municipio and along the famous stairs of Santa Maria del Monte Church. The last days of Jesus Christ Life are re-enacted during "The Passion of Christ" which is held on April 15 at 8:30 p.m. and repeated in the small hamlet of Granieri on April 18 at 9 p.m.



IT2 Holly Boice operates a super-high frequency satellite terminal under the supervision of SPAWAR Systems Center Charleston S.C. field engineer William Perez during systems operability test of the Joint Mobile Ashore Support Terminal (JMAST) Europe. JMAST EUR, home based at Naval Air Station Sigonella, is the only JMAST in Europe. JMAST EUR will be ready for deployment in May. A JMAST is self contained mobile command, control, communications, computers and intelligence (C4I) center designed to support the Naval component commander in joint operations. JMAST offers commanders secure communications, internet, telephone, television and radio services while in the field have the entire myriad of communications that you can imagine," said Kendall. The JMAST is equipped to handle Extremely High Frequency, Super High Frequency, commercial, INMARSAT (International Maritime Satellite Organization), High Frequency Data/Voice, Link 11, Very High Frequency and may other modes of communication.

JMAST isn't just for naval systems, it can operate with many other systems. "A lot of that is the interoperability buzzword," said Kendall. "For example we're buying some equipment right now that's used by the Army that we'll be putting in these tents for something that may be coming soon. We really shoot for interoperability."

But interoperability doesn't come cheap. "It's extremely high-tech," said Kendall. He said the SHF equipment alone costs \$600,000. The entire JMAST system has a \$4 million price tag.

Those large green DRASH tents, or Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelters, are also an integral part of the system. The same types of tents were used in the first Gulf War as hospital tents. "They have an internal HVAC system, which provides heating, cooling," said Kendall. One tent acts as a briefing area, one acts as an operations area, and the last acts as a communications area. "The key is they're very portable compared to the older systems."

Even the generators used to power the system are worth noting. "This is the first JMAST system that has UL listed power, which means it's electrically safe," said Kendall. "The company that did the lighting for the movie 'Titanic' is the same company that we're using on our generators."

The grandfather of the JMAST, the Ashore Mobile Communications Center, or AMCC, came as a result of the first Gulf War said Kendall. The father system, the Mobile Integrated Command Facility, or MICFAC, was an improvement. "The problem with MICFAC was the size, one MICFAC van unit was the size of a tractor trailer," said Kendall. "It was so big, that unless you wanted to put it on a ship, and wait for the ship to get there, it was just unrealistic." The JMAST (which combines MICFAC and another older system, JMAST) offers much better deployability. The system can be folded up and put on four Air Force Pallets and taken out on a single C-141 cargo aircraft. "It's quicker, it's better, and it's smaller," he said.

JMAST EUR can deploy anywhere in the European area of responsibility to reach out and touch somebody. "Which can be theoretically as far as almost Bahrain," said Kendall. "We can be asked to go in and take over another JMAST elsewhere as well."

JMAST EUR at NASSIG also works hand-in-hand with what is called a Tactical Communications Support Unit, or TCSU, which is the only one in existence in the world. Kendall said the TCSU is more of a "communications in a box" type of system. "The TCSU is a scaled down JMAST. We can be gone in as little as six hours depending on what's being done," said Kendall. When put together with the JMAST, the TCSU brings scalability. Kendal said the scalability includes putting components in the mail to talk via phone, to taking cases of equipment on commercial airliners, to setting up only part of the JMAST, to deploying the entire JMAST on a C-141. They can provide equipment to other units as well. "We also cross deck onto ships, subs, other buildings, other branches of the military, even foreign military," he said.

The TCSU also provides what is known as Battleforce email, a High Frequency (HF) version of email. HF saves the satellite bandwidth for other higher priority war fighters. This system allows the transmittal of email and other files over HF. The whole system can be put into cases and carried aboard commercial airliners. "We do Battleforce Email for interoperability with NATO and the fleet," said Kendall. During a recent exercise, the system transferred a pinball game program from Latvia to Lithuania to demonstrate large file transfers between two nations. "It was from our system to the Lithuanian's radio system," he said. "The next morning they had pinball up, and they were playing it."

All of this is provided by a group of 24 knowledgeable Sailors. "The amount of knowledge that they're required to have is phenomenal," said Kendall. "I don't even think they realize how much they're really doing." The JMAST is not a special program, so the Sailors working on it are straight from the fleet. "We're talking about some pretty amazing stuff happening with a very small amount of manpower," he said.

"It's hard because there are so few of us here right now," said IT2 Holly Boice. "We all have to jump in if we have to and help other people out."

Setup began on the system at the end of February. These Sailors are just getting to know the new system. "It's really new for us, it's a big change," said Boice. "We've kind of been at a stand still for the past year and a half. We just got this delivery and it's a big adjustment with all this training."

Whether cooking outside on the grill, or burning up the airwaves inside this high-tech system, the Sailors at JMAST EUR are there to reach out and touch somebody.

Trivia Answers

Word Find

Games

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SCATTERGORIES
SCRABBLE
SILLYPUTTY
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TRIVIAL PURSUIT
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WHEEL OF FORTUNE
WHEELS ON THE BUS
YATZEE

Shout

DoDDs students talk about what's happening in the community

Stephen Decatur School Used Book Drive

The PTSA and student council are collecting used books the month of April. A community sale will take place in may and all proceeds will go to the schools library/information center. Please send in your used books with your kids. Deposit boxes are throughout the school. Alternate drops are Robin Arms x0400 in Mineo or Linda Altemus x1212 in Marinai. So clean out those bookshelves and help out the kids. Thank you for your support.

AOSC Talent Show

The All Officers Spouses Club (AOSC) is hosting an all base Talent Show fundraiser for the purpose of raising money for the Stephen Decatur Scholarship fund. "Sigonella Idol" will be held on Saturday, April 19, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Live Wire. Currently, there are 18 vocal/instrumental acts of a wide variety. Preticket sales will be available in front of the Commissary. Tickets will also be sold at the door. The ticket price per person is \$10 for E6 and below and \$15 for E7 and above. The evening will include entertainment, wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the show while supporting the Stephen Decatur scholarship fund.

Student Registration

Dr. Fran Austin
Stephen Decatur Elementary School Principal

School registration is an annual requirement by DoD regulation to determine continued eligibility for school enrollment. Accurate and complete school enrollments assist principals in projecting appropriate resources to support the coming school year. **It is critical for parents of currently enrolled students to register their students for next year or to contact the school if you are not returning.** It is important that we know how many students will be enrolled next school year. The numbers of students registered determines staffing and our budget. Registration packets were sent home for each family currently enrolled in our school. Students who are not reregistered, will not be assigned to a class for the first day of school. Please return registration forms to our elementary school office immediately. Call if you have any questions at 624-4406.

If you have a child entering kindergarten you will need to come to the school office to complete a registration package. **Please bring your child's social security number, birth certificate or passport, shot records and a copy of the sponsor's orders.** Kindergarten students must be five by Oct. 31.

Fri. April 11

Tour the beautiful Norman castles and towers on the southwestern slopes of Mt. Etna with ITT. Stops include Paterno, Adrano, and Bronte. Have lunch at a typical Sicilian restaurant. Call ITT at x4396/x4777 for more information.

Sat. April 12

Visit a nature museum in Lingualossa, eat lunch at an agrituristic farm, taste some wine and visit the town of Castiglione. Return through the famous Valley of Alcantara. Call ITT at x4396/x4777 for more information.

Sun. April 13

Experience Gangi's Palm Sunday Parade. After the parade, relax and enjoy Sicilian food at an agrituristic farm. Call ITT at x4396/x4777 for more information.

Mon. April 14

WHOA! Play BINGO at Live Wire at 5:30 p.m. Come early for a good seat!

Strapped for some cash...and hungry? Stop by JOX Sports Bar at 7 p.m. for some free munchies, and play a game of pool or darts. FUN!

Tues. April 15

Learn some Italian at an Elementary Italian course on Tuesdays, from April 15 through May 6, Noon to 2 p.m. at the Red Cross Bldg.

Talk about travel with other interested singles while putting together a puzzle map of the world! Free pizza for all participants.

Weds. April 16

See Catania's Ursino Castle, Greek Amphitheater, Crociferi street, Bellini Museum, and Elephant Square, while learning the fascinating history of this resilient town. Call ITT at x4396/x4777 for more information.

Thurs. April 17

Celebrate National Bubble Gum Week by entering a bubble gum blowing contest at Take 5 starting at Noon. The biggest and most unusual bubbles win prizes!

TRIVIA

What is the product of 111,111,111 x 111,111,111?
Why is the "Muppet Show" banned in Saudi Arabia?
What desert has the same frequency as brain waves?
What is the only other liquid tropical fish could survive in besides sea water?
What was Coca-Cola's original color?
(Answers on page 9)

Movie Connection

MW's Theater Schedule

Friday, April 11



1 p.m.
Shanghai Knights (PG-13)



5:30 p.m.
The Recruit (PG-13)



8 p.m.
Dream Catcher (R)

Saturday, April 12



2 p.m.
Bringing Down the House (PG-13)



4:30 p.m.
Biker Boyz (PG-13)



7 p.m.
How To Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13) **



9:30 p.m.
About Schmidt (R)

Sunday, April 13



1 p.m.
National Security (PG-13)



3:30 p.m.
Final Destination 2 (R)



6 p.m.
Dream Catcher (R)

Monday, April 14



5:30 p.m.
Bringing Down the House (PG-13)



8 p.m.
Darkness Falls (PG-13)

Tuesday, April 15



5:30 p.m.
About Schmidt (R)



8 p.m.
Dream Catcher (R)

Wednesday, April 16



5:30 p.m.
National Security (PG-13) *



8 p.m.
Biker Boyz (PG-13)

Thursday, April 17



5:30 p.m.
Final Destination 2 (R)



8 p.m.
Bringing Down the House (PG-13)

Friday, April 18



1 p.m.
Jungle Book 2 (G) **



5:30 p.m.
How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days (PG-13)



8 p.m.
Dark Blue (R) **

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(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at

This Week on...

Sun. Apr 13 - PGA Tour (Masters: Final Round)
AFN Atlantic 8:30 PM

Mon. Apr 14 - West Wing (Season Premiere)
AFN Atlantic 8:00 PM

Tue. Apr 15 - Movie: Big Momma's House
AFN Atlantic 8:00 PM

Thu. Apr 17 - Friends
AFN Atlantic 7:00 PM

Fri. Apr 18 - The Simpsons
AFN Atlantic 7:00 PM

CHECK OUT AFN'S NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE AT AFNEUROPE.NET/SIGONELLA

TUNE IN TO FEEDBACK WEDNESDAY THE 16TH AT 6:30 PM ON YOUR LOCAL AFN CHANNEL

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